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Claims 1–19

Cited Examples 1, 2, 3, 4: Similar technology and arrangements are presented.

(In Cited Example 3, note paragraphs 0015, 0021, and 0022. Performing the computation of taxi arrival time on the user's portable terminal is disclosed.)

Claims 1–19

In addition to Cited Examples 1, 2, 3, and 4, combinations with the art described in Cited Examples 5–12 should also be noted.

List of Cited Literature

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H10-208195
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 2002-133592
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 2001-297396
4. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 2002-163335
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12. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication
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